GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

An Important Session of that Body to Begin Here Tuesday.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BEHELD.

Grand Secretary-Grand Master also to be Chosen-It is Said that Colonel Fitzerald will Stand for Re-Election... Sketches of the Present Officers History of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Ledge of Masons of Virginia will convene in this city Tuesday, December 2d, and will continue in session for three days. The meetings will be held at the Masonic Temple, beginning each afternoon at 6 o'clock, and closing at 1l. The days will be given up to the illustration of Masonic work, business being transacted only at night.

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A great deal of interest centres around the election of Grand Secretary, which fice is at present held by Colonel Jo-



JOHN P. FITZGERALD (Grand Master). Mann Page, the immediate

tath day of October, 155, Right Worship-ful John Blaft, Past Master of the Wil-lamsburk Lodge, was unsulme usly elect-ed. He was duly installed, and oppoint-ed the Rev. Robert Andrews Deputy circund Master.

Grand Master.

The reorganization of a Grarf-I Ledge in Virginia at once iended to the advancement and betterment of the order and its material good. The following is a list of Grand Masters from the organization of the Grand Ledge down to the present time. THE GRAND MASTERS

Grand Masters, October, 13, 178.
John Blair, October, 13, 178.
James Mercer, November 4, 1381.
Edmund Handalph, October 28, 138.
Montgomery, October 28, 138. Alex Montgomery, Thomas Matthews, John Marshall, Robert Brooke,
Henjamin Duy,
Alexander McRae,
James Byrne,
William W. Henling,
David Robertson,
John H. Fouchse,
Solomon Jacobs,
Robert Burgh,
Charles H. Graves,
Archibald Magill,
John H. Furdle,
Samuel Jones,
Charles Yancoy,
Mordecal Cooke, Charles Yancey,
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D. W. Patieson,
Robert G. Scott,
George C. Dromgools,
Wm. H. Fitzwhylsonn,
William Mitchell, Jr.,
Levi L. Stevenson,
William A. Patieson,
Oscar M. Crutchilold.

October 28, October 28, November 23, November 27, 13 December 14, 18 December 14, December 12, December 8, December 14,



J. W. Smith, J. R. Purdie, Sidney S. Baxter, James Prints, Edinund P. Hanter, James A. Leitch, John S. Calowell, Powhatan B. Starke, John Robin M'Daniel, Lewis H. Williams, Willam H. Harman, Edward H. Lane, William Terry,

Wm. B. Tailaferro, Richard Parker, B. R. Weilford, Jr., Peyton S. Coles, Reuben M. Page, Henry W. Murray, Francis H. Hill, Wm. F. Drinkard, Robert T. Craighill, J. Howard, Wayt,

W. H. Pleasants, December 16, 1821.

Mann Page, December 5, 1832.

J. P. Fitzgerald. December 5, 1832.

Of these fifty-nine distinguished Massons all are dead except thirteen, and the eldest of the number now living is Dr. J. R. Purdle, who resides at the Masonic Home near this city. He was Grand Master in 1844, and his father occupied the same position in 1819. Below are sketches of the lives of the present dignituries of the Grand Lodge:

COLONEL JOHN P. FITZGERALD,
John Paterson Fitzgerald was born at
Nottoway C. H., Virginia, May 15, 1837.
His parents were George and Catherine
Campbell Fitzgerald, His grandfather
was Francis Fitzgerald, a son of Captain
William Fitzgerald, who served in the
Revolutionary war, and took part in the
battle of Guilford C. H.
Colonel Fitzgerald was educated at
Hampden-Sidney college, and was graduated there in June, 1857. He studied law
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HIS MILITARY LIFE.

He entered the Confederate army as First Lieutenant of Company I, Twenty-third Virginia Infantry, of which Gen. William B. Taliaferro was then colonel, and the friendship formed between the two has waxed stronger as the years have passed. In July, 1851, he was promoted to the rank of captain; was made major June 10, 1862, and lieutenant-colonel November 27, 1862. He served from May, 1861, to the surrender, and was under Generals Garnett and H. R. Jackson in Northwest Virginia, and Stonewall Jackson in the Valley. He was wounded at Sharpsburg, and captured at Spotsylvania C. H. and was confined at Fort Delaware. He was one of the fifty field officers sent from that place to Charleston, S. C. in 1861, to be put under the of the Confederate guns. He was exchanged at Charleston, As a soldier, he was distinguished for his devotion to At the close of the war Colonel Fitzgerald resumed his practice in Prince
Edward county. Since 1885 he has been
the treasurer of the Union Theological
Seminary and of Hampden-Sidney College. He takes great interest in benevolent societies, and besides being a Mason,
also belongs to the Knights of Home
and the Royal Arcanum. In 1834 he
was representative of the Virginia Grand
Lodge, K. of H., to the Supreme Lodge,
He was chairman of the committee of
appeals and grievances of the Supreme
Lodge until the annual meeting in 183,
when, being unable to attend, another
was appointed in his place. December 6,
1836, he was appointed Deputy Grand
Master, and on the retirement of Major
Marin Page, December 5, 1854, he succeeded to the office of Grand Master, which
he will probably fill for another term.

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As a lawyer, Colonel Fitzgerald is al-



GEORGE W. WRIGHT

clear. In addition to being a forceful advocate, he is distinguished for the strength of his written arguments in chancery cases. He is a leading elder in the Presbyterian church, and is distinguished for his active, practical, Christian benevolence. While his means have always been small, and his income limited, his liberality has been marked.

COL. FREDERICK PILEASANTS.

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Col. Fred. Pleasants, who now holds the position of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, to which place he was ap-Grand Lodge, to which place he was ap-pointed upon the resignation of Colonel Blugood to accept the futies of Grand Secretary, while only thirty-seven years of age, is one of the brightest Massons in the State. He was born in Hourico county and moved to Richmond in 1879. In 1889 he joined Richmond Lodge, No. 10, of which he has been Past Master for two terms.

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Colonel Fleasants is a man of great excentive ability, and has been prominently
identified with the political and military
affairs of the city. He is also a member
of St. Andrew and the Knights Templar.
COL. JOSEPH V. BIDGOOD.
Colonel Joseph V. BiDgood, who succeeded by appointment the late Wm. B.
Isaacs as Grand Secretary, was born in
the city of Portsmouth April 23, 1841. He
was educated at William and Mary Collegy, which institution he left to enlist lege, which institution he left to enlist in the Confederate army. His war rec-ord is without a stain. He was present and took part in many of the hardest-fought battles of the bloody contest, and

fought battles of the blody contest, and received well-earned promotion.
Colonel Bidgood was made a Mason in 1884 in Old Grand Army Lodge, right under the fire of the enemy's guins. In 1865 he joined Dove Lodge, No. 10, and served two terms as Past Master of that lodge. In 1825 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which position he resigned when appointed Grand Secretary by the Commander.
Colonel Bidgood has filled every chair in the State excepting that of Grand the State excepting that of Grand

Commander.
MAJOR ALFRED R. COURTNEY.

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Maj. Alfred Ransom Courtney, the Deputy Grand Master, who will succeed to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Vaguia upon the retirement of Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, was born in King and Queen county. Va., near Bruington Baptist church, and is the youngest child of the late Robert Courtney, of Henrico county, his father having moved his family to this county when the subject of this sketch was an infant.

He was educated at Richmond College, of which he is an A. M., and for many years has been an active member of its Board of Trustees. After leaving college he taught school for a short time on Church Hill, in this city, and then entered the law office of Mr. James Lyons to stody law, where he remained until he obtained license to practice, about the year 1855.

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COURTNEY and Master).

December 12, 1843.
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lodge. A few years after that he having removed to the western part of the city, took membership in Dove Lodge, No. 51, of which he soon became Worshipful Master in 1891 he was elected Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge, and has been regularly promoted slice till he has reached the high position he now fills with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He is also President of the Masonic Home of Virginia and has for years been a leading member of the Board of Trus-



JUDGE R. T. W. DUKE, JR.
(Grand Junior Warden).
tees of the Masonic Temple Association
and as chairman of the Building Commit-

ther Mayon in this body.

He has occupied all the offices in the
dasonic bodies at his home: is Past
Frend High Priest, of the Grand Chairle

f Virginia, and for four years filled satis-



COLONEL JOSEPH V. BIDGOOD

(Grand Secretary).
factorily, and with marked success, the position of Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and chairman of its Grand Working Committee.
His acquirements of the unwritten work of the Craft is remarkably accurate, and his method of imparting this knowledge is original, forcible, and successful. He is regarded as one of the best authorities in the State on Masonic love, and his opinions are frequently sought by the Craft.

H. O. KERNS.

H. O. Kerns, Grand Junior Deacon, was raised in Gloucester county, Va., where he spent the early years of his life. He moved to Halifax county in 1880, and engaged in the milling and foundry business at Sutherlin, his present home.

Mr. Kerns was initiated, passed, and raised, in Old Botetourt Lodge, No. 7, at Gloucester C. H., and was Master of his Lodge, when he was twenty-four years old, and is well-known in the Tide-water section of Virginia for his great interest in Masonry. He was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6, for a number of years and was seldom absent from a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, where he has served on many important committees.

Lie was appointed a member of the Grand Working Committee by N. W. I. Howard Wayt, in 1890, which position he held until effected Grand Junior Deacon in .504. He is a member of Peyton Coles Lodge No. 54, and Roman-Eagle No. 122. Eucled Chapter, No. 15, Dove Commandery, No. 3, Acca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. H. O. KERNS.

BURDETTE ON POLK MILLER.

In His Line.

The famous writer and humorist, Robert J. Burdette, drove twenty miles to Memphis, in arder to hear Polk Miller give his recital on November 19th.

The following letter was addressed to the chairman of the entert imment committee at Oxford, Miss., at which place both Mr. Miller and Mr. Burdette were soon to give their respective entertainments:

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Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 19, 1895.

Mr. J. W. Bowser:

Being here to-nigot, I went to the Auditorium and heard Polk Miller delight a great big audience. Miller is much grister than his advertisements.

His monologue is unique.

He has no rival, and really no competitor in his line. Stories, songs, poems, touching hits of word painting, banjo solos-he is a master in every one of them.

He does not only represent the "old-time negro"-he I-hotographs and phono-Greet him with a crowded house. Yours as ever, ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

Catholic Notes. Wednesday last, the feast of the Mi-aculous Medal, was celebrated with

secretary showed the council to be in a flourishing condition.

Rev. Father Joseph E. McCoy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., accompanied by Rev. Pather Maher, left for home Wednesday, after a pleasant visit to his cousin, Mrs. James Rankin, of wes Marshall street.

Next Friday being the first Friday of the month the usual devotions to the

ee days in the city during the past

promoters of the Sacred Heart gue will be held at the Cathedral toay after vespers.

The Holy Name Society of the Sacred leart church will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the basement of the

ig at 8 o'clock.
The Ladies' Benevolent Society meets

after the late mass in the basement of the Cathedral.

To Dedicate a Tombstone An interesting ceremony will be held the cemetery of Sir Moses Montenere ion of his murderers. His remains we emoved to this city, and interred he synagogue's burying-ground. T

expense, and placed over the remains of Tucker. The congregation will assemble in the synagogue at 10 octock A. M., and proceed to the cemetery in a

· Henrico News.

The regular monthly meeting of Fair-field District School Board was held at the county court-house yesterday. Rou-tine matters only engaged the board. The County Board of Supervisors will The County Court will meet to-morrow

Last Wednesday another suburban elec-Last Wednesday another suburban elec-tric-railway line was inaugurated. It be-gins at the extreme end of the First-strees line to Barton Heights, and runs out very nearly to Major Ginter's place. It is possible now to go from Forest hill, out First street, and over this new read, a distance of eight miles, for one fare, A dummy line from Major Ginter's will complete the circuit. The schedule now in use is twenty minutes. This will prob-ably be a most popular line in the sum-mer.

mer.

Mr. Charles Langly and Mr. William Collie, both residents of Henrico, had a difficulty Friday night at the corner of Louisiana and Seventh streets. Neither of them were injured, and the matter was amicably adjusted.

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The Boston Herald, of November 24th, says: Miss Gay Ragland, of Richmond, Va., is said to be one of the most promising of young American soprains. She is said to have a voice of exceptional range, purity, and beauty, and to be possessed of a charming personal pressure. The above notice, appearing, as it does, in the conservative dramatic column of the Herald, is certainly a great compliment to Miss Ragland. Her voice has more than once evoked praise from the northern critics, who declare that she

northern critics, who desiare that she has a fortune in it, and that she will ultimately be one of the foremost singers of this country.

Good Templars.

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The best and most interesting meeting of Good Templars for a long time was that held by Rescue Lodge of Good Templars. Busines was transacted, after which an interesting programme was rendered, concluding with the debate. "Should Woman Be Allowed to Vote?" with Joseph H. Shepherd, of Sidney Lodge (the eloquent and duent), in the affirmative and W. H. Adams, of Jefferson (cutting, sacrastic, and pointed), in the negative. The latter was awarded the paim of victory by the committee. There were many visitors present, and a good time was had by every one.

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Never before in the history of this house have we been so thoroughly stocked with

THE BEST CARMENTS PRODUCED IN THIS COUNTRY I

Cloak handling here is done on the most approved and accepted ideas of modera merchandising. We have one of the very carefulest buyers, with many years of experience, whose far-reaching coat wisdom has gathered this,

THE GREATEST AND GRANDEST, THE NOBBIEST AND NATTIEST LIME OF GLOAKS AT

Richmond women ever set eyes on. Every garment here undergoes the most searching examination before being admitted to a place; every seam, button-hole, facing, lining, every little point is carefully loooked into and then priced-THE VERY LOWEST PRICEconsistent with the garment. Here follows

SOME PRINTERS' INK THAT'LL MAKE YOU THINK:

Children's Plain Kersey Jackets, in Brown, Navy Blue, and Red, trimmed with Braid, very full sleeves and back. Price \$3.50. Child's Reefer Jacket of neat Brown Check Cloth, brown velvet collar, full sleeve

and ripple back, \$4.25.

Child's Reefer Jacket. Brown Mixed Cloth, cape collar and revers, trimmed with narrow brown braid, \$4.75. Children's Navy Boucle Jackets, velvet collar, fancy pearl buttons, a beauty,

Misses' Mixed Cloth Jackets, full sleeves and coat back. Price \$2.50.

Misses' Beaver Cloth Jacket, full sleeve, fan back, velvet collar, \$3.75. Misses' Boucle Cloth Jackets, in Navy Blue and Black, full mandolin sleeves and ripple back. Price \$5.

Misses' Loop Boucle Jackets, foot-ball sleeves and ripple back, \$7. Misses' Red and Black Mixed Heavy Boucle Jacket, square lapels, very sleeves, ripple back. Price \$7.

Misses' Heavy Caterpillar Boucle Jacket, bound with braid, foot-ball sleeves, ripple back. Price \$8.50.

Ladies' Reefer Jackets of heavy rough serge cheviot, Black only, large sleeves, full back. Price \$4.50.

Ladies' Boucle Jacket, in Black and Navy Blue, two-Button effect; full sleeve and ripple back. Price \$5. Ladies' Diagonal Front Cheviot Boucle Jackets, two-button, ripple back,

foot-ball sleeve, only \$7. Ladies' Loop Boucle Jackets, faced with silk, four large buttons, mandolin sleeve, ripple—a leader—\$8.50.

Ladies' Heavy Diagonal Boucle Jacket, in Black and Navy Blue, faced with silk, fancy buttons, bound with braid, \$8.50.

Ladies' Rough Boucle Jacket, lined throughout except the sleeves, full legof-mutton sleeves, four buttons. Price only \$9.50. Ladies' Heavy Stripe Boucle Box Coat, silk faced, bound with diamond

braid, foot-ball sleeve, ripple back, a garment built for wear, \$9.50. Ladies' Caterpillar Boucle Jacket, combination of two styles, can be buttoned high to the neck or low with revers, bound with braid, very full sleeves, ripple

back. Price \$9.50. Ladies' Loop Boucle Jacket, buttons diagonally across the front, Melton

sleeves, ripple back, length 24 inches, a jaunty garment, \$9.50. badies' Iroquois dacket of Boucle cloth, three large buttons in front on wide box plait, finished with braid on each side, foot-ball sleeves and ripple back. Price \$10.

Ladies' Astrachan Boucle Jacket, with double lapels, bound with diamond braid, faced with Satin Rhadame. Price \$11. badies' Iroquois Jackets, made of beautiful Astrachan Boucle, 3/ lined with

best Satin Rhadame, three large buttons in front, with bands of fine Kersey cloth on each side, stitched with five rows of silk stitching, collar of Kersey cloth, finished to correspond, a garment worth fully \$16.50, our price \$13.50. Ladies' Kersey Cloth Jacket, tailor-made with strap seams, full leg-of-mutton

sleeves and ripple back, a fine garment. Price \$16. Ladies Beaver Cloth Double Cape, full sweep, velvet collar, \$3.50.

Ladies' Beaver Cloth Double Cape, both upper and lower cape finished with wide bands of satin closely stitched. Price \$4.50. Ladies' Boucle Double Cape, full sweep, one style, finished with neat soutache

braid, another with stitched satin edges. Price \$5. Ladies' Fine Kersey Cloth Cape, finished with raw-edge bands of cloth, velvet collar. Price \$7.25.

Ladies' Fine Astrachan Cloth Cape, very full sweep, lined with good satin

Rhadame. Price \$8.50. Ladies' Heavy Mixed Cloth Double Cape, made with revers, fancy plaid lining, velvet collar. Price \$6.95.

SPECIAL FUR CAPE. Black Coney Fur Cape, 22 inches long, lined with satin. These Capes are a special drive. No more can be had when this lot is gone. Price \$3. SPECIAL SALE OF Our Underwear store Here, too, care- Two Special Items in Jap DOLLAR

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Ladies' Ribbed Close-Fitting Drawers, of finely combed Egyptian cotton, splendidly finished, equal to our regular 36th goods, 25th each.

Ladies' Combination Suits, fine Swiss ribbed Egyptian cotton, pearl buttons, taped neck, crochet edged, actual value, 75th, price 55th suit.

Ladies' Natural All-Woot Swiss Ribed Vests, short sleeves, silk-faceds and silk-taped, full fashioned, actual value, \$1, price 50th each.

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tablished bargain GOUNTER. counter (on the floor), where the An alarm of fire was sounded from Box 23, corner Seventeenth and Marshall streets, about 1 o'clock yesterday. The occasion of the alarm was the burning of a few shingles on the roof of a house on Seventeenth street between Broad and Marshall. The house was occupied by colored people, and the damage was trilling.

Their success is the photograph of

21-inch Peau de Soie, \$1. 21-inch Soie de Alma, \$1. 22-inch Gros-Grain, \$1. 22-inch Fine Regent, \$1. 22-inch Toille Francaise, \$1. 24-inch Satin Duchess, \$1.

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We sell the the front with items of interest to genuine. Fibre every housekeeper (or prospecsive housekeeper) in Richmond and vicinity. Do not ever think of visiting the sfore without a trip to

Special Sale Banquet Lamps Solid Brass S-inch Fancy Column, heavy base, fancy fount, centre-draft turner, with chimney, \$1.19.
Solid Brass 9-inch Column Heavy Filigree Base, Plain Planished Brass Fount, Gold Lacquered, Centre-Draft Burner, with chimney, at \$1.50.
Cupid Banquet Lamp, silver Cupid, fancy brass fount, centre-draft burner, with chimney, at \$1.30.
Solid Brass S-inch Genuine Onyx Column, Gold Lacquered, Heavy Foint, Centre-Draft, Burner, with chimney, and 4-inch shade ring at \$2.50.

First-A 4-Foot 4-Fold Heavy Paper overed Screen, 79c. Covered Screen, 79c.
Second—A. 4-Foot 4-Fold Cloth-Covered, in Black, emproidery in gold, at \$2.75.

Special Sale Screen Frames Oak, finely polished, 22x32 inches, at

3-foot 3-fold Oak Screen Frame, fine-ly polished, at \$1. Screen Frames, 50c. to \$2.60. Oak Cabinets, Hat-Racks, Book-Shelves, Umbrella Stands, at special prices.

Sewing Tables, 20x36 inches, plane
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Silver's "Royal" Roasiers and
Bakers, best make in the market, in
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Cardy Baskets, with handle, 10c. Square, Oblong, and Round Sewing Baskets, fan ty colors, at 10c. Special Fancy Sewing Baskets, variety of shapes and colors, 10c. Sewing Baskets, 10 to 50c. Hampers, 31 to \$2.19.
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Infants' Baskets, 25c. to \$1.

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